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THIS issue of the CAMPUS is the largest in its history—the number of copies being one thousand.

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THE fact that the present board is confronted with duties wholly new to them makes it necessary that they come into the possession of much useful knowledge through a tentative process. We ask your patience, and shall spare no pains in our endeavor to merit your hearty support.

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THE one aim before us is to make the CAMPUS more than ever a college paper. Affairs of the college world, and matters generally interesting to the student will be discussed in the department in bald prose. If, therefore, you find us dull, and our space seem an interminable waste to you, pass quickly, we beseech you, to the pages which follow wherein are oases of surprising beauty, also upland, and cloud land, and land, and land.

THE CAMPUS finds its way to you by no mere chance. To come to the point at once, our object in sending it to you is to make you a subscriber. If you are a student, let not that stigma, which comes by reading what others pay for, attach itself to you so early in life. Be loyal to your college institutions. If we chance to be addressing an alumnus, we would urge, what is already felt by you to be a sacred duty, that you keep up a lively interest in the institution which did so much for you. To do this you must know something of that which transpires here among us. The CAMPUS will keep you informed with respect to these matters; and through it you may get some of the enthusiasm which we feel. Give the matter a trial.

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THE place made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Stilwell, professor of mathematics, in the faculty of Allegheny College, has been filled by the appointment of Prof. A. C. Fields, a Fellow of Johns-Hopkins University, Baltimore, and a graduate of the Ph. D. degree of that famous institution; also a graduate in mathematics, class of '84, Toronto University, and a member of the Mathematical Society of France. Prof. Fields is an accomplished mathematician, and has published, in the American Journal of Science, a number of original investigations in that science. He is in the prime of life, of gentlemanly manners and robust character, thus bringing to the college all the requisites of a useful instructor. Allegheny College is certainly to be congratulated on being able to fill so promptly and so well one of the most important positions in her faculty.

Prof. Fields has arrived in the city and is now the guest of President Wheeler, thus complet-

ing the board of instructors and preparing Allegheny College to open with the following strong faculty :

D. H. Wheeler, President, Philosophy, English Literature and Political Science ; J. H. Montgomery, Physics and Chemistry ; A. C. Fields, Mathematics ; James S. Trueman, Latin and Greek ; J. W. Thomas, French and German ; W. S. Twining, Civil Engineerins ; J. F. Kreps, Military Science ; Grace I. Foster, Lady Principal, History ; W. A. Elliott, Preparatory Latin and Greek.—*Tribune-Republican*.

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MISS GRACE I. FOSTER, the new lady principal of Hulings Hall, is winning golden opinions in her new work. Miss Foster is a graduate of the Northwestern University, Chicago, and is a lady in manners and spirit. She comes here with the unsought commendations of eminent persons, such as Bishop Vincent ; and she has at once secured the respect of her associates in the faculty and the esteem of the students.

At the annual meeting of the Boards of Allegheny College things got a good deal twisted, but the Boards did at least one good thing : They elected J. W. Thomas, A. M., to the vacant chair of Modern Languages. Prof. Thomas arrived in the city on Saturday last, and will enter upon his work to-day. He is a graduate of Dickinson College and has studied for his profession in Europe, and has had several years' experience in the class-room. He comes well equipped, and most favorably impresses the friends of the college.

It can be truly said that Allegheny College never stood on the threshold of a new term better equipped or with brighter prospects.—*Tribune-Republican*.

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DURING the years that Dr. Wheeler has stood connected with the college, he has steadily grown in popularity among the stu-

dents, until at this present time there exists for him the very highest admiration. Nor lived there ever a man more deserving of the respect shown him. Possessing a ripeness of age, of judgment and of learning, a breadth of experience, a catholicity of thought and a genius matured, he wields a powerful influence upon the minds of the young under him, fashioning them into that which is strong, beautiful and good.

The fact that he is once again at the head of affairs gives rise not merely to a passive feeling of satisfaction among the students, but in itself arouses an enthusiasm, which brings everyone into line anxious to do all in his power to sustain the good name of the institution. Laboring as only a man thoroughly devoted to his work can labor, Dr. Wheeler wins his way to the hearts of all who sit under his teaching, and a cherished memory of him will be found so long as there remains one of his pupils to go up and down the earth. His promised addresses, to be given at the Wednesday evening prayer services, are looked forward to as a coming treat. We have not heard enough from him, and there is the feeling that he is rich enough to well spare us many a thought that will do us good. That reward, which he but recently expressed himself as valuing most, is already his ; for he has touched many a one, who can say, "He has been an inspiration to me. He has opened my eyes."

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It has been said that it is no very good symptom either of nations or individuals that they deal much in vaticination. True, if for no other reason than that men are invariably seized upon by the 'fatidical fury' when they are in the midst of troublesome times, or else are harassed by dark abodements. That we have emerged from somewhat of an imbroglio in governmental affairs, need not be denied ; that we threaded our way out so successfully that we feel sanguine about the future, we take

no little pleasure in admitting. But we shall not indulge this feeling in the least, lest by prophecies, which may seem extravagant, we detract from that which it is desired should be taken as soberly spoken. Besides, those things are glorious enough which we even now see and know. When we say that Allegheny is entering a period of marked tranquility and growth, we are but giving utterance to that which every one feels to be already assured. From every one there is heard the significant remark, "Things are starting well." This is indicative of a healthy feeling. It means that deep down in the heart of each one there is rejoicing over the beginning of prosperity. It further signifies that what of doubt was entertained by any one returning has been dispelled, and that even more than the old confidence is established. The heads of the several departments are spoken of with a feeling of genuine pride. Due almost entirely to the efforts of a devoted alumni—upon which every college is largely dependent for its advancement—the attendance exceeds that of last year; and every student, old and new, seems fixed in his purpose to fill up the year with two things—good work and good behavior.

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But in spite of one's self the question will keep coming up: Will next spring see all this good undone? There are shocks which even the nerves of institutions can not endure. The very life citadel of Allegheny has been assaulted more than once. And, be it charitably said, it has been done by her friends whose worst fault is their over-amount of zeal.

We have not the presumption to hand down with the air of authority our opinions from our little seat up aloft; but as representing that world within the college, we beg audience with the gentlemen who constitute the Boards of the college government. Never was there among us a feeling of deeper satisfaction than that which exists at this present time; and,

that this contentment be not disturbed, we most earnestly hope that the noble work of Dr. Wheeler in gathering about him colleagues who are specialists in their line meet with the heartiest endorsement from the Boards, and that his policy will be the policy pursued hereafter in the selecting of men who shall constitute our faculty. There are many reasons why the mediæval idea, that teachers should be preachers, should be abandoned. Its age, alone, entitles it to an honorable retirement. In this late day it is an idea no longer practicable, simply because there is no place for second-rate preachers in colleges of any standing, and first-rate preachers can not be had, because the church outbids the college and takes the man. Furthermore, there is no good reason why a first-rate preacher should be a first-rate teacher. He may be, often is, but he is not *necessarily* such. He has not been able to keep abreast with the times—as a first-rate teacher should do—if he has been attending to his business as a preacher, and a first-rate preacher attends strictly to his business; therefore, no first-rate preacher is a—but let it rest there. Either there is something lame about our logic, or else other people have committed grievous errors.

The world jogs on. And the day has come when a man who is not a specialist can hope to have little to do in the thorough going college world. And so far as building up an institution is concerned, it is our humble opinion that the report, carried about by the students, of the high order of work done and of the faithfulness of professors in the class room will do more to attract to an institution that class of students most desirable, than the popularity of a preacher who neglects his class work to appear often before the public.

Comparing the influence exerted over the student, on the one hand by the specialist—who is a christian—and on the other hand by the teacher—who is also a preacher—it sums it all up in a word to say young men are *won*

not *driven*. It is absolutely necessary that a teacher by his scholarly attainments command the respect of his pupils in the class room before he can reasonably hope to influence them elsewhere. Such a man has about him a mighty uplifting force made all the more effective because young men, almost without exception, are hero-worshippers; and they seldom stop short of copying everything they find in their hero. We believe in the education of the heart as well as the head; but believe that a teacher who cannot get the head of the boy, can hope to do little with the heart. Many more things could be said concerning this matter, but the lack of space forbids it. If you have read—you for whom this was written—we thank you for so doing, and hope that we have given you something to chew upon.

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DURING the summer a very great improvement was made in the chemical laboratory. The floors were lowered, and new tables, handsomely finished, were made to take the place of the temporary ones formerly in use. Want of space forbids a full description; but suffice it to say that the new tables are complete in every particular. Those intended for the use of students are so arranged that each one is supplied with gas, water, wash-basin, chemicals—in short, everything necessary to his work is so arranged that there cannot arise the slightest inconvenience. Besides being furnished as above, the lecture table is wanting in nothing that is necessary to a rapid and successful performance of any experiment which it might be the wish of a lecturer to bring before a class. A means of thorough ventilation will shortly be provided, and thus will what was hitherto a low, dark and at times untenable room be transformed into one of the best lighted, best ventilated rooms about the institution. As it is now furnished we feel safe in claiming for Allegheny a laboratory which will in every way compare favorably with that of any other college of equal size in the country.

THE EDITOR'S DRAG-NET.

"It is not to be expected that all should be fish which is caught in a drag-net."

Casting for thought one need not expect to bring up that, all of which will prove palatable to the intellectual tastes of others. If time be granted him, he may select such as he thinks will most likely meet the demands of the market wherein he has set up his stall; and, if his judgment be good, he will have the satisfaction of seeing his counters crowded. But when one casts his net in no very deep sea of reflection, and hauling it in has no time to make an assortment—but is compelled to place upon the market the catch just as it happens to come up—then must that which chances to be good suffer because it is found along with the worthless. Under circumstances similar to the last supposed, we shall venture from time to time to spread our net before you—just as we gather it in—leaving it with you to reject all or as much as you please.

As the result of our first cast we bring to the surface some reflections which we dare to hope may be found acceptable. With us the end of college life draws on apace, and the way, new to so many, is throughout more or less familiar to us. We have not gone thus far with our eyes closed, and our minds shut up. We have seen not a little, and have kept thinking pretty busily all the way. We say, not boastfully, that we have learned some things. Indeed, we would be ashamed to say that we have not.

A bit of knowledge which we consider of great value—indeed it looks very much like a pearl in our net—is, that one is very much the better for working under pressure. The course before you is a long one, and it was intended by those who laid it out that it should be upgrade the entire way—nothing perceptuous about it—but a gentle, healthy ascent. You will discover, before you go very far, that your enjoyment is somehow closely connected with the amount of work you do. Opposed to your best interests, is the idea that you have been *sent* to college. Get rid of it, or else the shorter your stay here the better for all concerned. An

idea that invariably accompanies the one just referred to is that you study simply to pass. Get rid of that also. If you know nothing of the pleasures of hard labor, get in the company of people who do—the mere observing of them may stir up your conscience until it goads you into some sort of healthful activity. Do not be one among those who *exist* through college; it's manlier to *work* through. The first mentioned class is liable to go through life blinking out a miserable existence in a sort of stupid, open-mouthed wonderment at their unaccountable (?) failure. Do not fear to expend a little blood and brain. Such is the price paid for anything worth having in this world. Be content with your lot. Endowments are but dry channels—large or small it is true—through which you by labor are to set flowing streams of acquired knowledge.

Have a purpose. You have dropped into a little system of souls wherein each in its respective orbit moves without friction. Do not be aimless—as it were a wandering star; for such, like the erratic stars above, come in and go out on curves, which forbids their ever returning. Earth, be it remembered, has a "blackness of darkness" reserved for such, into which they must inevitably pass.

The College World.

• Exchanges.

The *Monmouth Collegian* greets us in pamphlet form, which is a great improvement over last year's. In an article on "The Classics." The writer, after discussing whether utility means that a study must have a bearing on an education fitting one for a livelihood, says:—

"I assert that for the period of life in which they are usually studied, the classics afford without exception the best means of mental discipline. A translation supposes judgment and comparison, analysis and synthesis; it cultivates the power of attention, it trains the memory. A language like the Greek, so complicated and yet so clear, so flexible and yet so con-

cise, affords a discipline of almost every power of the mind. But not only do the classics produce strong, robust mental activity; they also broaden the thoughts and cultivate the taste. "The proper study of mankind is mankind," and the classics introduce us into a different world of humanity. The ancient man was in manner of life and way of thinking as widely separated from the modern as possible, and yet in his breast throbbed a real human heart which beat with the same hopes and fears as ours. Surely the study of his works is calculated to broaden the intellect and the sympathies. The very fact that his beliefs on morals, religion and the sciences differed so widely from ours is their strongest recommendation. Independence of thought can never be gained while we blindly follow authority. If the discovery of truth would cause a cessation of mental activity and speculation, no greater calamity could happen. The mind can develop only by activity, and the study which by opposing fixed beliefs impels it to a higher energy, is the most healthful of all."

Under the heading, *Vox Clamantis*, the *Northwestern* has a stinging editorial against a decree of the Faculty prohibiting calling on the ladies of the seminary on Saturday night. It ends with the following flourish:—

"The cruel edict has gone forth and Saturday evening has been eliminated from the calling list. Can heartless tyranny go further? Are we who come here from afar, lured by the seductive blandishments of the university catalogue, to be deprived of this inalienable right without a protest? Is this star in the heavens, this beacon light, this *ne plus ultra* of joy and happiness to be wrested from us without a murmur? Let our oppressors beware! Cæsar had his Brutus, Charles I. his Cromwell and we will have the fem. sem. Saturday evenings or wither in the attempt.

The July *Syracusan* is as well a gotten up commencement number as any exchange finding its way to our table. It contains full accounts of all the exercises, a good local department, an account of the dedication of the Von Ranke Library building, and does not cloy one with orations and poems, which seems to be the tendency with so many commencement numbers. Let their "Calculus Burial" rouse our sleeping energies. They

make a whole day of it, going by train and boat away from the cares of student life to a small lake, where feasting and music chase the hours, and a display of fireworks in the evening completes the most enjoyable event of commencement week.

Of all our exchanges none have a more solid appearance than the *Virginia University Magazine*. The novelete entitled, "Life in Shiflet's Hollow," reminds us of Miss Murfree's writings. The plot is well laid and the characters strongly drawn. The author seems a literary genius, for we find in the same number a sonnet also ascribed to him. Putting an old figure in new, choice words, he says:—

"But all the separate beauties 'neath the sun
Distilled together and reduced to one,
Confusing essence of perfection's self,
Is what alone describes this pretty elf."

In the same number is a well written and convincing article on "The Ethics of Democracy."

There are several other exchanges deserving of notice but space forbids. We expect during the coming year to enjoy all our exchanges. Each one has his college to work for and to please, and while friendly advice is always in order, we desire to make our exchange column mirror the college world and college literature. And the best way to do this, we believe, is to give as much as possible of the "thought" found in our exchanges.

Cornell has put \$400,000 in new buildings during the last year.

Only 175 of the 390 universities and colleges in the United States publish papers.

From the *Wesleyan Lance* we clip the following: Bray is the name of the orator of the class of '90 at Allegheny College.—*Suggestive*.

A number of Yale students found themselves charged on their term bills for pieces of the old fence which were found in their rooms. The janitor had been ordered to search the rooms.

To an Old College Chum.

AN INVITATION.

Yes, what you say is true, old man;
This college life, with all its fun
And work,—its easy things and hard
(But chiefly easy),—now is done.

And that alone, I must admit,
Is cause enough for your repining;
But still, come up and join with me
In mutual griefs!—far from dining.

College is done, but life is not;
Surely, old friend, it would be folly
To think, because the past was bright,
The future *must* be melancholy.

Come up,—I cannot give you much;
Not venison, or I'm no prophet,
Nor canvas-back, nor breaded trout,
Woodcock nor quail, on toast or off it.

No sweet Falernian in *my* bins,
Nor famous vint before or after;
Our richest feast will be of wit,
Washed down with sparkling wine of laughter.

We'll have old tales of Freshman year,
Soph. pranks, that need no warming over,
And stories of those merry months
When we, as Juniors, lived in clover.

We'll call the old roll once again,
We'll name the name of every member,
"Piece de resistance" this shall be,
Garnished with sauce of "you remember."

This won't be all,—we'll have a taste
Of one or two good things in season;
But what will those be when compared
With "flow of soul" and feast of reason.

Then come. We'll prove to them who sneer
At "useless college education,"
It has one use, at least, to give—
A life-long fund for conversation.

—*The Collegian*.

In the belief that small colleges do the best work, the Amherst trustees have recommended that the number of students be limited to 300.

Gossip.

Join the batallion.

How are stereoscopes?

Tennis players are blue.

Chas. Howe is again in college.

The Kaldron of '91 begins to simmer.

J. A. Knox, our Texas friend, is back.

Brubach, the military man, is back again.

What's the matter with Theta Nu Epsilon?

E. P. Couse, '89, was in town a few days last week.

Mr. C. A. Pepper is commissary of Hulings Hall this year.

J. K. Shields, ex-'88, expects to return for the winter term.

Miss Best has organized classes in Physical Training and Elocution.

Fred C. Howe has gone to Johns Hopkins University to pursue a journalistic course.

J. R. Anderson, ex-'90, who is studying law in Jamestown, N. Y., spent Sunday in the city.

The familiar faces of A. C. Lindsey and W. L. Askue were seen in chapel at the beginning of the term.

Gurney Stubbs had his Star bicycle badly broken in a railroad accident shortly before college opened.

J. S. Wallace, ex-'93, is taking a commercial course at Curry University and has bidden Allegheny a final good bye.

The Allegheny Literary Society officers are as follows: Speaker, Deming; clerk, Heydrick; attorney, Youngson; chaplain, Wood.

Ralph Reitz, '89, spent a few days with college friends last week before going to New York City, where he expects to take a course in medicine.

The awkward squad is very small.

Paul Benson is reading law in Erie.

The Freshman class numbers about 60.

The Senior class will number about 35.

C. L. Miller, '90, has left for St. Louis, Mo.

S. A. Campbell, ex-'91, is at Harvard this year.

Arthur Barnes will not be in college this year.

Miss Henrietta Miller, ex-'90, is at Cornell University.

Mr. P. Luther Hatch spent Sunday at his home in Union City.

W. W. Ellsworth, '88, is studying law with District Attorney Roberts.

Prof. Colegrove is stenographer in the N. Y., P. & O. R. R. offices down town.

Dr. Stillwell has accepted the position of actuary for a Philadelphia Insurance Company.

Lewis E. Tieste, '77, a member of the faculty of St. Mary's Hospital of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting friends in the city.

The state convention of the Y. M. C. A. is to be held at New Castle, Pa., in a few days. The delegates from the college association are Whitfield, Crowthers and Barron.

W. P. Cary, ex-'89, of South Bend, Ind., was married September 25th to Miss Annie McClintock, of this city, at the home of the bride's parents on Randolph street.

An examination in military tactics was recently given to the officers of the batallion. The standard of promotions this year will be high. All promotions are to be made by examination, no one receiving an advance who does not pass 75 per cent. or over. This is an excellent regulation which will secure good officers.

Dr. Wheeler attended the Erie annual conference.

Miss Foster spent Sabbath with friends in Franklin.

J. A. Parsons, '88, is in Drew Theological Seminary.

Harry Espy and Frank Black are visiting friends in Erie.

There are now about 225 students and a few more expected.

The old students look lonesome in such a crowd of new ones.

About forty Allegheny students were at Chautauqua this season.

The genial face of J. C. Nash, '89, was to be seen around college last week.

Thirteen graduates of the Meadville High School are in the present Freshman class.

Harry Dunn, ex'90, is superintendent of the Connellsville glass works, and will not be in college this year.

A new feature in the chapel devotional exercises is responsive reading from the Psalms, a copy of which every student is expected to purchase.

Sept. 23d, *stolen* from my room, an overcoat. Reward of \$5 offered to finder. J. B. HAWK. (Hawk in library, a week later) "Great Scott! there it is just where I left it."

The officers of Philo Franklin Literary Society for the ensuing term are as follows: President, C. B. Hawk; Vice President, M. O. Brown; Secretary, M. J. Echols; Critics, Shatto, Sweeney, Elliott; Librarians, R. W. Elliott, and Collins.

A very pleasant and instructive part of the Wednesday evening prayer meetings are the talks given by Dr. Wheeler. He plans giving a series of twenty-minute lectures on practical every-day religious topics. This service should be well attended.

J. W. Veach, Jr., ex'92, is studying medicine at the Cleveland medical college. Tom Miles, ex'92, is at the same institution.

Horner Wood is circulating a subscription paper to secure for the library the best daily papers and magazines. Help him in a good cause.

T. N. E. is said to have decreed that no Prep. shall accost a Senior on the campus. A somewhat presumptuous proclamation, but then—

The Engineering Course is booming, with over twenty new students. Why not have an Engineering Society or Science Club to occupy Athenian Hall?

The People's Lecture course this year is in charge of Messrs. W. H. Stenger and C. P. Warner. The first lecturer will be Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus. The lecture will occur Oct. 9th.

A somewhat peculiar procession moved up Randolph Street, about 11 o'clock a few evenings ago. It seems that the Deltas, having the law on their side, had taken Welty's trunk from his quarters on Park Avenue. They were acting very much as college boys often do.

The annual reception tendered by the Y. M. C. A., of the college to the new students was this year a decided success. An excellent program was carried out, including some new (?) selections by the "remains of the Glee Club." The social part of the program was very enjoyable as all exerted themselves to be agreeable and to make new acquaintances.

At a recent meeting of the Senior class the following class officers were elected: President, W. C. Deming; Orator, H. M. Barrett; Valedictorian, Will Siling; Ladder Orator, Fred Russell; Historian, A. G. Fradenburgh; Essayist, J. S. Gibson; Poet, S. S. Marquis; Prophet, Charles McClure; Vice President, Miss Lucy Pickett; Secretary Gurney Stubbs; Treasurer, Ed. A. Hersperger.

Fraternity.

The membership of the different fraternities is as follows, including the new initiates:

Phi Kappa Psi, 12; Phi Gamma Delta, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 11; Phi Delta Theta, 16; Kappa Alpha Theta, 11; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 12; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 6.

Another change in fraternity circles is the entrance of the Sigma Alpha Epsilons into a chapter house. The building is near the corner of Randolph Street and Park Avenue, formerly occupied by Prof. Miller. The situation is a very pleasant one and convenient to both college and town.

On the evening of September 30th, Warren Daniels, '93, and Walter Bates, '94, were initiated into Phi Kappa Psi.

Schofield and Haskell have recently donned the badge of Psi Kappa Psi.

The Delta Tau Deltas are receiving congratulations on Gageby, Pickett and Welty.

Messrs. Griffin and Sabin have been initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Miss Maud Johnson, of West Middlesex, Pa., became a pledged member of Kappa Alpha Theta on Friday evening last.

Phi Gamma Delta recently initiated Messrs. Patchin and Danforth.

The gentlemen of Phi Delta Theta tendered an informal reception to their lady friends in the Phi Rooms on last Saturday evening. About forty were present, and the evening was very pleasantly spent with games, music and conversation. Light refreshments were served by Butler.

James W. Campbell, Arthur Staples and Frank Kennedy received the pledging ceremony of Phi Delta Theta last Friday night. This is a step in a new direction among gentlemen's fraternities at Allegheny which we are sure will be appreciated and followed in the near future.

On Wednesday evening, October 2nd, Miss Howard and Miss Thresher, '93, were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. Miss Blanche Miner, '94, became a pledged member the same evening. Congratulations.

One of the pleasantest of the many events in the social life of the college was the opening reception given to their lady friends by the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at their Chapter House—"Phi Gamma Delta Place"—on the 30th of September. Their roomy and comfortable home, brilliantly illuminated and tastefully decorated, elicited deserved compliments. The guests arrived at an early hour and from that time until the smaller hours of Tuesday morning there was an unceasing round of festivity. Elegant refreshments served in the club's dining room proved a welcome break to the dancing and other merriment. The reception was one of the most informal character, but this only added pleasant features to the evening's enjoyment, as no one could feel restrained. It was the sentiment of all present that as courteous hosts and agreeable entertainers the boys of "Phi Gamma Delta Place" are hard to surpass.

The faculty of the University of Pennsylvania have recommended to the Board of Trustees that ladies be admitted to the courses of study.

Ex-Minister Phelps has accepted the presidency of Columbia. His salary will be greater than that of any other college president in America.

A university in honor of the late President Garfield is to be established in Wichita, Kas., and Mrs. Garfield has given \$10,000 toward the enterprise.

The Juniors at Brown University are "making arrangements for the burial of every book that class has looked over or overlooked while in college."

The latest craze with some of the students at Troy Polytechnic is to adorn the ceilings of their rooms with the envelopes of letters from their best girls.

Class of '89.

Edwin P. Couse is teaching at Sheakleyville, Pa.

Miss Ellen Hoskin is instructor in a Missouri college.

W. L. Askue is preaching at Hazleton, Ohio.

F. A. Cattern is reading law with Judge Henderson.

S. A. Dean will be in Drew Theological Seminary this year.

F. B. Miner is pursuing a post-graduate course in medicine at the University of Michigan.

E. E. Proper is teaching in Titusville, Pa.

E. M. Mixer is instructor in the Cooperstown schools.

J. B. Richey is teaching at Phillipsburg, Pa.

Wm. McNair is reading law at his home, Oil City, Pa.

A. C. Lindsey is General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at McKeesport.

F. B. Lindsey is at present "pencil pusher" on the *Jamestown Journal*, the leading paper of the city.

Harry Household is attending Boston Theological School.

G. H. Fuller is teaching at Chardon, Ohio.

C. C. Laffer is with Lindeman, the druggist.

J. J. Rudkin is in the law department at Ann Arbor.

Miss Gertrude Snyder is teaching in Doylestown Seminary near Philadelphia.

Miss Adelaide Robinson is a teacher in the Butler, Pa., High School.

Miss Elizabeth Wood is at her home in Pittsburg.

J. W. Silliman has a lucrative position with the City Engineers in Chicago, Ill.

Miss Ena Brundage is at Slippery Rock, Pa.

Ralph B. Reitz is studying medicine in New York.

J. C. Nash has accepted a position with a silver-ware company in San Francisco, where he now is.

Clippings.

One hundred thousand dollars is being raised to endow a chair of Protection at Yale, through which the free-trade teachings of Prof. William G. Sumner are to be combated.

The *Yale Courant* bemoans the discouragement of bonfires, processions, rushes and other time-honored customs, and brakes forth into the following touching jeremiad: "But alas! the old customs are nearly dead, and none rise to take their place. Behold! Let us mourn! Let us put on sackcloth and ashes! Yale College will be anon a Theological school or a city of the dead!"

The colors of some of the larger colleges are: Harvard, crimson; Princeton, orange and black; Amherst, white and purple; Cornell, cornelian and white; Columbia, blue and white; University of Michigan, blue and maize; Vassar, pink and gray; Williams, royal purple; University of Virginia, cardinal and gray; Johns Hopkins University, blue and black; University of Pennsylvania, blue and red, and Yale, blue.

It is encouraging to see that a telling blow has at last been struck toward the abolishment of that tantalizing injustice which so many students have used their utmost efforts to have discontinued—the present grading in recitations. The *Princetonian* sets forth a scheme, the result of Dr. McCosh's and President Patton's study, according to which there will be only four groups graded in the two upper years, while the remainder of the classes are reported "passed," no other record being

kept. The proposal has yet to meet the approval of the trustees, and, if it passes them, will go into effect in September. Undoubtedly the good result will be apparent. Figures, however judiciously used, can never answer the question "How much benefit has ever been received during the college course?" This cannot be measured by any such rule. We heartily hope that such a start will hasten a revision which must come sooner or later; the time of its arrival only awaits the development of a suitable substitute.—*Haverfordian*.

The "fun" which the Sophomores of Columbia College hoped to make by posting notices forbidding the Freshmen to smoke cigars or pipes in or around the college buildings, was rather suddenly "sat upon" by acting President Drissler, who learned by *The Tribune* that the Sophomores had passed the resolution. While the class was attending a lecture on chemistry the other morning, Mr. Drissler entered the room and stopping the lecture, administered a severe rebuke to the class, adding that the first student who posted the objectionable notice would be suspended at once. The effect of the rebuke is that the Freshman smoke in peace.—*New York Tribune*.

One hundred and thirty-five years ago Columbia College, then called King's College, opened its doors for students. The modest little town of New York in which the new college was planted contained about ten thousand inhabitants, and King's College was the sixth in order of foundation, following Harvard, William and Mary, Yale, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania. The young college was not a very profitable *alma mater* in the earlier years. During the twenty years from its organization until the Revolution it graduated but about one hundred students. But it was an illustrious progeny. Among those pupils were Alexander Hamilton and John Jay and Robert Livingston and Gouverneur Morris and Egbert Benson and Philip Van Cortlandt and Henry Rutgers, and sons of all the conspicuous New York families.

The fact that the captain of the Freshman boat crew and the captain of the Freshman base ball nine at Yale University both failed in their examinations, is calculated to furnish argument for those who deprecate the extreme to which college athletics is carried.

Professor—"How many days in the year?"

Senior—"365 1-4."

P.—"Where does the 1-4 come in?"

S.—"Fourth of July."

P.—"Why did the ancients begin their calendar on the 22d of March?"

S.—"Because it was Washington's birthday."

P.—"That will do, sit down."—*Ex*.

The Cornell Freshmen, after their cremation, raised over the ashes of the departed a tablet bearing the inscription:—

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AND

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In passing by, kind stranger, shed a tear,
For all the hopeful Freshmen busted here.

President Eliot of Harvard University in his address at the last Harvard Alumni dinner, said Eastern Massachusetts is the most remarkable community that has ever existed in the world for gifts to education. He ought to know. The year just closed was a poor year for that sort of thing, and yet Harvard received and was promised altogether \$300,000. For the last ten years it has averaged in this way sufficient to erect an entire new college in addition to the many that now constitute it. Figures were presented on the occasion of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation, which showed that the annual income of this institution was substantially equal to that of England's greatest university, Oxford, which has existed and flourished for more than a thousand years. This remarkable condition of things is something in which the whole country can take pride.

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